

Given a series of details indicating where and when, the reader restates them.

UNIT 1
Lesson 1
Understanding Details

TECHNICAL TALK

Some stories give you a large number of facts that help you to learn many things. A good reader tries to remember as many facts as possible. You should try to recall names, places, and dates. Try to look at just the most important words. Don't try to memorize every word. Keep in mind the "where" and "when" words as well as names of people. Without looking back, try to see what you can remember. Read single paragraphs and test yourself. With some practice, you can improve your memory. These lessons will help.

TRY IT

Read the following short selection and try to remember the important facts.

Dwight Eisenhower was born on October 14, 1890. He was born in Texas, but was raised in Kansas. He became President in January, 1953. He was our 34th President.

Without looking back, see if you can answer these questions:

1. Where was President Eisenhower born?
2. When did he become President?

The answer to number 1 is "Texas." The answer to number 2 is "January, 1953." How did you do? Always remember to look for dates, places, and names.

Now try to remember the facts in this section about giants.



HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT GIANTS?

How big is a giant? Most people think that giants are big and strong. There are many stories of famous giants. In the Bible there is a story about Goliath. Goliath was a huge man who was slain by David, a small boy. The only weapon David had was a leather sling and a rock. With it, he hit Goliath in the temple and the giant fell dead.

In ancient Greece there was a group of giants called Titans. The Titans were so strong they could throw a large mountain. The famous Greek god Zeus was no match for the Titan men.

Many countries have stories about giants. In northern Europe, there was a giant who had no heart. You have, no doubt, heard of Cyclops. He was a huge monster with one eye. Cyclops was a good giant because he tried to help people in trouble. There was another famous giant called Jack the Giant-Killer. He was supposed to have lived in Western Europe. Jack was probably the largest creature ever to live there.

REVIEW

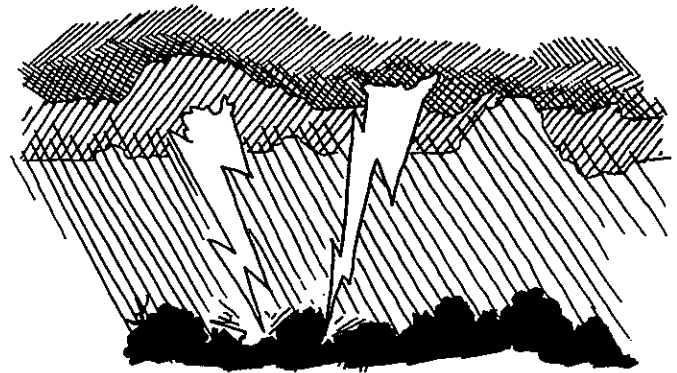
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You found many facts in the story about giants. Did you remember proper names? Several places were named where giants lived. Without looking back at the story, let's find out what you remember. (Your score is satisfactory if you get all three correct. If you miss one or more, try to do better in the following two lessons.)

1. What weapon did David use to slay Goliath?

2. What was the name of the tribe of giants who lived in Greece?

3. Where did Jack the Giant-Killer live?



Here's another selection filled with facts.

THE MAGIC OF ELECTRICITY

One of the main tools of man is electricity. Just what is electricity? It is many small unseen particles called electrons. These particles flow along power cables, some above ground and some buried.

We have known about electricity for hundreds of years. Early in the 1800's, scientists started using large generators to produce electricity. At first only people in cities used electric power. In the 1930's, electric lines were built for farm families. Today, almost all of the 220 million people in our nation use electricity. It is found in all industrialized areas of the world.

There are many uses for electricity. It can help us wash clothes, light a room, heat our homes, and keep us cool. All of us need to remember that it is not cheap. Since so many people use electricity, we must be sure to conserve energy. We pay for it according to the number of kilowatt hours we use. Electricity is a magic power. Aren't you glad we have electricity?

Directions: Cover the story above with a card or piece of paper and answer the following questions. Look for the answers in the key.

1. Electricity is made up of small particles called _____.
2. _____ are used to produce electricity.
3. When were electric lines built to serve farm families? _____.
4. Almost all of the _____ million people in our country use electricity.
5. _____ hours are the units of electricity that we use in our homes.



GOLF: THE BIG MONEY GAME

One of the most popular sports in America is the game of golf. However, the game did not start in this country. In the late 1400's, a number of Scottish shepherds invented the game. The golf ball of that time consisted of a small leather bag stuffed with feathers. The club was the stick used to direct sheep. The holes might have been those made by the feet of the animals.

About 1875, the game was played by many people in this country. In 1895 the United States held the first national championship tournament. Today there are millions of people who play golf in every part of the country. There are at least five thousand or more golf courses in the U.S. alone.

If you want to play golf, you must understand what certain words mean. Each golf course has a par for each hole. That means the average number of tries an excellent player would need to move the ball into the hole. A score of one stroke less than par for a hole is called a birdie. If you get two less than par for a hole, it is called an eagle. A hole-in-one is made if you take only one try (or stroke) to get the ball in the hole.

Most people play golf for fun. It can be played with two, three or four players. The player with the fewest strokes wins the game. The United States Golf Association has charge of deciding who are amateur players and who are professionals. Professional golfers can make large sums of money playing the game. One of the most famous golfers in this country is Arnold Palmer. He has won many money prizes. Some players make over \$100,000 a year if they win several tournaments. That is why we call golf the big money game.

Directions: Without looking back, try to remember the answers to these questions. Check your answers with the key.

1. The game of golf actually started in the country of _____.
2. The United States held the first national tournament in _____.
3. There are at least _____ thousand or more golf courses in this country.
4. A score of one less than "par" for a hole is called a _____.
5. Some players make as much as \$_____ a year if they win several tournaments.

HOW DID YOU DO?

